

Announcements.
We are authorized to announce HON. WILLARD D. VANDIVER of Cape Girardeau county as a candidate for re-election to congress from the Fourteenth congressional district, subject to the action of the democratic congressional convention.
We are authorized to announce HON. MERRILL PIPKIN of St. Francois county as a candidate for judge of the Twenty-seventh judicial circuit, subject to the action of the democratic judicial convention.

Use or abuse is and has ever been the policy of some people.

The fellow with the chronic grievance continues to cry around. Let him cry.

CON. JOSEPH W. MERCEUR of Independence is another candidate for railroad and warehouse commissioner.

If you want one of the richest treats of a lifetime you should go to Fredericktown next Thursday and hear Sam P. Jones.

The Perry County Democrat is a new venture just launched at Perryville. The first number is creditably gotten up. Success to it.

MISSOURIANS should do their share in raising the necessary fund to erect a monument to the martyred men of the battleship Maine.

In the Butler county primary Fort of Stoddard received 850 votes, and Johnson of Butler ranked in the balance, 205—a clean majority for Fort of 645.

FROM the Sweet Springs Herald we learn that the Mayfield brothers have opened a fine sanitarium at that place, with Drs. A. J. and R. L. Mayfield in charge.

REPORTS from Silver Dick Bland's district say he will have no opposition in the coming election. That is as it should be. Return the old champion of the people by acclamation and adjourn.

INSTEAD of so much talk about building and buying ships of war why don't Uncle Samuel get right in and take what vessels he wants from Spain? That, it occurs to us, would be the proper thing to do.

AND now since Gov. Stone's article in the February Forum, on "The Democracy and Its Future," a lot of gold bug democrats are calling him populist and other names—and old Dick don't seem to be caring a what'sname.

THE candidates for judge in the Twenty-second judicial district were assessed \$100 each to pay the expense of holding a primary election in Butler county. Is a poor man supposed to be allowed to run for office under such conditions?

THE trial of Kirk Max, one of the alleged murderers of Cashier Withers of the Piedmont bank, is in progress at Greenville this week, Judge Wear presiding. The latest reports we have say that the state has made a strong case against the accused.

GOV. STEPHENS don't seem to have any idea of resigning on account of the attacks of the sorchards who failed to run the office for him. Two years ago THE PRESS told you fellows that if elected Lon V. Stephens would be governor, and we are glad our estimate of the young man was correct.

SOME of the counties of this congressional district have already instructed for the return to the house of representatives in the national congress of the Hon. W. D. Vandiver. When the time comes Ripley county will be found marching right along in her place in the line, solid for Vandiver.—Doniphan Prospect-News.

ON page 1135 of the "History of Southeast Missouri," we find the name of Thomas C. McCorkle, and, immediately following, the words "retired printer." We have been looking for a southeast Missouri "retired printer," but with the certainty that his name would be McCorkle instead of McCorkle. A southeast Missouri "retired printer." Patent applied for.

AND now Spain is weakening and earnestly in favor of a peaceable solution of existing troubles. Tomorrow's papers may say she is making another exhibition of insolence. That congress will remain in session until some measure of relief for Cuba has been adopted is, we think, practically certain. Further than this we cannot venture an opinion as to the result of all the fuss and conflicting reports.

THE figures of the Spanish debt show that the Spanish misrule in Cuba—"the worst misgovernment of which ever had any knowledge," as Senator Brewster describes it—

has brought insolvency to Spain as well as ruin to Cuba. At the beginning of the rebellion the Cuban debt, easily met by the Cuban custom-houses, involved an annual interest charge of \$9,000,000 in gold and about \$1,000,000 for a sinking fund. In the attempt to suppress the rebellion the Cuban debt has been increased to \$289,000,000, the Spanish customs revenue has been mortgaged to secure an issue of \$160,000,000 of bonds and the government is \$70,000,000 in arrears of its payments. The most favorable estimate of the amount required to meet the annual charges of the Cuban debt places it at \$24,000,000. This is an amount entirely beyond the taxable capacity of the scant millions of impoverished Cubans. It is equally beyond the resources of Spain. With every available form of taxation strained to the utmost Spain manages to collect \$100,000,000 a year. She could not assume \$42,000,000 of additional burden, nor even the \$32,000,000 representing the increase of the war expenses. What would be the condition of the Spanish finances after a war with the United States?

At the meeting of the democratic state central committee of Illinois resolutions were adopted endorsing and reaffirming without reservation the platform adopted by the Chicago convention in 1896. As if this were not enough, they went further and emphasized as "the paramount issue before the people in the campaign of 1898 that plank of said platform which demands the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present existing ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid of consent of any other nation." A resolution was also passed favoring the renomination of Bryan in 1899. It is the same wherever democrats come together to consult over party matters. The issue and the leader will be the same in 1900 that they were in 1896. Declarations similar to that made in Illinois are heard from democrats everywhere—from conventions, committees and individual leaders. Both issue and leader are more popular now than in 1896, when the intelligent whites of this country voted for both by a million majority. This fact was recently stated by congressman Ovey, of Virginia, and it is worth remembering. Take the ignorant negro vote out of the republican column, and its total vote dwindles to 5,000,000. The democratic vote remains the same, 6,500,000. Those, therefore, who talk about "compromises" and "pivotal" states are simply wasting their breath. The issue is the same, the candidate will be the same.

The Dingley Deficit.
In spite of rumors of peace and war's alarms, there's one thing that moves like clockwork, and that is the Dingley deficit. It creeps and crawls, but is always getting bigger. All Mr. Dingley's prophecies and predictions amount to nothing. He has racked his brain to discover excuses, and made himself hoarse in reciting them; but all to no purpose. The deficit moves right along, and is now increasing more rapidly than ever.

The tariff, which was levied to cure hard times, has caused them to spread to the treasury. Mr. McKinley, before he was safe in the white house, used to try to help out with his comforting maxims, but the big wheel of his maxim mill is now at a standstill, and Mr. Dingley is obliged to sweat and bear it alone.

If we take away the cash that has been received in the treasury from sources other than taxation, says the Atlanta Constitution, the deficit reaches high figures. It is much bigger than it was when Cleveland issued bonds. Meanwhile, what is the matter with the tariff? Mr. Dingley says it will produce a surplus if it is let alone; but nobody is bothering it—in fact, everybody seems to have forgotten it in the midst of the tory clamor for peace at any price—and it mounts up.

It is impossible to say how Mr. Dingley is affected. If he has any anguish, he conceals it beneath his London-made hat, and moves among his fellow beings as though he had nothing but an ordinary case of chronic indigestion. But he can hardly be a happy man. He knows how to add and subtract, and this knowledge is sufficient to give him trouble.

Ironton Register: The St. Louis Republic last Monday announced that Judge J. F. Green would enter the race for supreme judge. But a letter received from the judge this morning, dated at Greenville, where he is holding court, shows that the Republic didn't know what it was talking about. His announcement as a candidate for circuit judge printed in this paper settles the question. We shall refer to it hereafter.

Jane Jones.
Jane Jones keeps talking to me all the time. An' says you must make it a rule. To study your lessons 'nd work hard 'nd learn.
An' never be absent from school. Remember the history of Ellihu Burritt, An' how he clum to the top. Got all the knowledge 'at he ever had Down in a blacksmith shop.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so, Mebbe he did—
I dunno!
O' course, what's a keepin' me 'way from the top.
Is not never havin' no blacksmith shop.
She said 'at Ben Franklin was awfully poor, But full of ambition an' brain; An' studied philosophy all his half life, An' see what he got for his pain!
He brought electricity out of the sky, With a kite an' a bottle an' key.
An' we're owing him more'n anyone else For all the bright lights 'at we see.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so! Mebbe he did—
I dunno!
O' course what's a keepin' me 'way from the top, Is not havin' any kite, or lightning, or key.
Jane Jones said Abe Lincoln had no books at all, An' used to spit rails when a boy; An' General Grant was a tinner by trade An' lived way out in 'tadois.
So when the great war in the south first broke out, He stood on the side of the right, An' when Lincoln called him to take charge of things He went nearly every blamed fight.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so! Mebbe he did—
I dunno!
Still I ain't to blame, not by a big sight, For I ain't never had any battles to fight.
She said 'at Columbus was out at the knees When he first thought up his big scheme, An' told all the Spaniards, an' Italians, too, An' all of 'em said, 'twas a dream.
But Queen Isabella jest listened to him, 'Nid pawned all her jewels of worth, 'Nid bought him the Santa Maria 'nd said, "Go him up the rest of the earth!"
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so! Mebbe he did—
I dunno!
O' course that may be, but then you must allow They ain't no land to discover jest now! —Ben King.

Cape Democrat: A St. Louis house has a gang of agents out selling ranges. They sell a stove that costs about eight dollars to manufacture for the modest sum of sixty dollars, and they are catching lots of suckers.

Greenville Sun: Sunday night, March 13, the residence of James Grisham, Jr., was destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered by the family at about midnight, and was burning so rapidly that almost no household goods were saved. It is supposed to have caught on the fire rolling out of the fire-place onto the floor. The building was a large, handsome one, and the loss is very severe to Mr. Grisham.

New Madrid Southeast Missouri: In a strictly private conversation with Mr. Hawkins last Monday evening (and we do not believe that gentleman considered the extreme indiscreteness of his remark, made as it was, to a newspaper man, and one who is opposed to his nomination) he asked how we knew that Mr. Vandiver was the more popular man of the two in the district. We told him we judged from the almost unanimous support Mr. Vandiver was receiving from the newspapers of the district and the many nice things they say about him. His reply, almost verbatim, was: "Now, Will Waters, you know as well as I that if I was rich and so disposed, I could go to each newspaper in this district and by giving each editor one hundred dollars, could make him say anything I wanted him to say." Great guns, boys! Is this the estimation in which we are held? Has the press, the great teacher of morality, honesty and uprightness become so degraded that the "politicocasters" who lurk in our midst think they can buy us body and soul? We, and we think we voice the sentiment of every unprejudiced, intelligent person, most emphatically No! A further remark of Mr. Hawkins to a friend disclosed his impolitic method of canvassing. He said: "I am not spending my money with newspapers, but am blowing it with the boys." This remark needs no comment. When bidding us good bye, Mr. Hawkins remarked that he hoped we would be easy with him. We thought at the time, "All right, old boy, but we must let the people, and our brethren of the press know the estimation in which you hold the editors of the Fourteenth district."

In the course of a speech in support of his "foresally" bill in the Kentucky legislature Representative Hatfield of Pike county said: "I ask for the passage of this bill in the interests of religion and morals. If you pay no bounty for fox scalps no one will kill the foxes; if no one will kill them they will kill the chickens, and where you have no chickens you have no preachers, and where you have no preachers you have no religion and no morals."

Speaker Reed recently wished to see a political friend on some very important business and telegraphed him to come at once to Washington. The friend took the first train, but a washout on the road soon stopped him. Going to a telegraph office he sent this message: "Washout on the line; can't come," to which in due time he received the following reply from the Maine statesman: "Buy a new shirt and come anyway."

Fredericktown News: Died—Mrs. Virginia Ellen Gale, wife of John M. Gale of this county, died on Saturday, March 19, at her home. Mrs. Gale was the daughter of Judge E. L. Graham and Mrs. Mary E. Graham (now deceased) and was born September 16, 1828.

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Our Correspondents.

CLUBB'S CREEK.

A cold wave swooped down this creek a few days ago. This was the frog storm.
Hayes Nall has finished plowing for corn.
Thomas Clubb is still buying hogs.
Marshal Eaker is working for Thomas Clubb.
James Allen is clearing a new ground.
Monroe Fowler has a field of broom sage he says that favors the single gold standard.

A Mr. Hilton of Kentucky has homesteaded 160 acres of land on our creek and is making arrangements to build a dwelling.
Lewis Nall is enlarging his peach orchard.
Rufus Clupp, who is a candidate for matrimony, got unloaded the other night by his little mule.

"One Evening Light" is holding a meeting and singing at Greenwood schoolhouse. I understand the pigs got into their tune patch one night last week and rooted up their tunes.

Lee Fisher of this creek is 15 years old and weighs 187 pounds; Arch Casinger is 11 years of age and weighs 100 pounds. If anyone can beat Clubb's creek couple I would be pleased to hear from them through THE PRESS.

I understand that a man professing to be Jesus Christ visited the Evening Lights at the Ladd school house one night last week and left them some writings on the bible.

CHAMPION.

POSSUM CREEK.

As the old man is sitting alone watching the streams as they flow by, he thinks how much life is like a river, the stream of which bears us on over the smooth and rugged bed. Childhood, which in comparison is only a spring, is the starting point in life, and this is the time for the mind to receive its first instructions. The instructors of our land must not depend on the old adage, "A bad beginning makes a good ending," but handle the young and tender mind as cautiously as possible. Do your best to keep a model plan laid out before the child and assist him to the best of your ability to follow it. But this is not the items of the creek, which I started to give you.

M. M. Hinkle came out Thursday from Castor after his sister, Miss Belle, who has been visiting Miss Cora Dunn the past week.

P. E. Richards of this place has been clerking in W. L. Dunn's place at Kinder & Son's, Lutesville, while Mr. Dunn was attending to his farm on Castor.

Your correspondent has been informed that Miss Rachel Robins will soon leave us and go off to school, but I did not learn where she was going.

A. H. Dunn visited his father last Saturday and returned to his school Sunday.

Harry McManus, wife and sister have returned from Leopold, where they have been visiting friends.

About all the people we see now days passing around are candidates and school teachers.
A. R. Lutes visited relatives on Dry creek last Friday.
School meeting day will soon be here. Turn out, patrons of our district, and help transport business.

THE DIVING BELL.

DESSVILLE.
Seeing you gave space in your paper last week to me I will send a few more items.

The farmers say if they could make a reserve and apply some of this water for July and August, they think it would help them wonderfully.

William Limbaugh of near Glen Allen was in town Saturday to get the latest war news.

The talking machine man has left our town.

Some of our young people will attend a training school at Marquand.

Kirk Seabough, our blacksmith, went to Fredericktown Saturday. Kirby Smith was out to his farm on Mayfield creek last week.

Rolf Spain is hauling wood for the railroad.

J. M. Welker left for St. Louis Monday to attend a term of school as petit juror.

Miss Agnes Whitener has gone to Marquand, where she will attend school.

Wade Sitzes of Columbus, Ky., a bridge man on the Iron Mountain railroad, stopped off here last week intending to visit his parents, but on account of mumps he left on the next train.

A Mr. Meldrum of St. Louis has purchased the farm known as the Gillette place, one and a half miles out on the Patton road, and has moved his family down, bought a team of horses, and will be one among the farmers and fruit growers. We are glad to have such enterprising people move among us.

A few of the many candidates of the county have been through here looking after their prospects. All, of course, have had many strong solicitations to run.

The frost may have cut our fruit crop short, but send that convention or primary and let's get down to business.

Oliver Masters thinks a little fight with Spain would make times better for poor people.
Hugh Zimmerman of Glen Allen was in our town one day last week.
Atkins Bille of Advance was here Sunday.

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Our line of dry goods, hats, clothing, boots and shoes is complete and we are making some very low prices. Ask for them.

We have just received from M. Born & Co., Chicago tailors, spring samples. Order one of their suits and be in style. You need not take it if it doesn't suit. We guarantee a fit.

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SCOPUS.

Some sickness in this locality. The stove factory started up Monday.

German to township is well represented at Fredericktown at present. Dr. Chandler of Lutesville was called to see Samuel Cole of this place Saturday.

I notice some prospective candidates passing through our little village occasionally.
H. B. Cole has just received a nice consignment of shoes and dry goods.

Jesse Estes of near Jackson came up on a visit to relatives Saturday and returned home Monday.

Owing to the very bad condition of the roads timber seems to come in very slow to the factory. The school teachers are already making a rush for the schools in this locality. School directors should not be in too much of a hurry to give their consent to employ teachers, but should use every effort possible to secure the very best services possible for the amount of wages paid.

Died—On the 27th, Mrs. Andrew Hanners, four miles north of this place, of measles and pneumonia. Deceased leaves a husband, several children and a host of friends to mourn her death. Mrs. Hanners was a devoted Christian woman, a member of the Methodist church, and we sincerely hope our loss has been her heavenly gain. Bowser.

EDGECREEKVILLE.
Our school is doing a good work. The students organized a literary society and will prepare to entertain the people Friday evenings.
Died—Sunday, March 20, Mrs. Milton McCormick, at her home near this place, aged 71 years.
Evangelist Colliard and Rev. Matthews have been conducting a series of interesting meetings at this place. A basket dinner was given on the 20th.
Measles have been well scattered in this part of the county.
F. E. P. Grimes and John Penny have been attending the meetings at this place.
Henry C. Hays has moved to Bill Bird's farm.
And now is the time when the small boy shirks work and goes to the creek a fishing.
Ed Whitaker of Oak Ridge was in town last week.
Tom Grable of Stoddard county was visiting in this section last week.
I am sorry to state that Joseph Limbaugh of near here has been quite sick for some time.
Kirby Hays of Daisy was in town last week.
One Mr. Hobcock of Crittville was drowned last Monday.

JERRY MIRE.
As a rule the farmer has more time and better cause to whistize than any man on earth. One year with an other profits are so reasonably sure for good farming that it is the best vocation in the world, although some given year may not count. Success fully with drought, hailstorms, frosts, winds or freshets.
A good living is better than a money income with a poor living. Plant and raise everything necessary to supply a good living, giving such attention as to make each a success, and then plant something for an income.

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